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**Recent Works by Artist Robin Bright on Display
at Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library**
A Special Reception for the Artist will be Held Oct. 23

SAN DIEGO – The Visual Arts Program of the City of San Diego Public Library will showcase more than two dozen works by one of San Diego’s preeminent artists, Robin Bright. A presence on the San Diego art scene for more than three decades, Bright is best known for impeccably crafted and intimately scaled works that meld aspects of both painting and sculpture.

The exhibit “Robin Bright: Recent Works” will be on display from Oct. 23 through Dec. 4 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, located at 4275 Cass St. A special reception for the artist will be held Oct. 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. Like the exhibition, the reception is free and open to the public.

The library exhibition consists of mixed-media pieces from two distinctly different series: the elegant and monochromatic “Hector Vex” series (ongoing since the 1960s and grounded in minimalism) and the more recent and comparatively baroque “Small Town” series. The intricate and kaleidoscopic abstractions of the latter, which derives its inspiration from sources such as Persian rugs and wrought iron patterns, is Bright’s most colorful work to date. This exuberance will likely come as a surprise to those who identify the artist with the spare aesthetics and subtle sophistication of the “Hector Vex” pieces. In both series, however, the beauty is in the details and, although certain aspects of his technical process are governed by chance, few artists agonize more than Bright over the nuances of patina, the interplay of materials or the intricacies of form.

Bright is a thinking man with a world-class background who describes himself as “utterly visual,” a reference to what he characterizes as the humorless, theory-driven art espoused by

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university academics. True to his vision, he offers viewers from all backgrounds a rich experience.

The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library is open Mondays & Wednesdays, 12:30 to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call the branch at 858-581-9934 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>.

The San Diego Public Library's Visual Arts Program is a nationally-recognized series of exhibitions, lectures, television program, and other art-related activities. The program demonstrates the Library's role as a cultural institution embracing the broad range of disciplines, while assisting San Diego's mid-career and older professional artists in achieving wider local, regional and national attention.

Founded in 1882, the San Diego Public Library attracts more than 6.4 million people annually at its 35 locations citywide. The Library was rated as the No. 1 service in the City in a 2004 residents' satisfaction poll.

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ASSIGNMENT EDITORS: Images of Robin Bright's works of art are available upon request and the artist is available for interviews. For information, please contact Library Curator Mark-Elliott Lugo at 619-238-6627